

Light of Grace

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Sunday School 9:00 AM
Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Dear Friends,

The start of school nears—the three ‘R’s and so much more. I’m not sure who began the tongue-in-cheek tradition of naming the basics Reading, Riting, and Rithmetic. But, the idea sticks and it reminds us that education is important just to sort our spelling in the English language.

For the next 5 weeks Grace UMC is also going back to the basics. Starting August 31st and going through the month of September Grace will be focusing on **the Five ‘R’s**: an invitation for us to become God’s puRposes pRayeR paRtneRs.



- Aug. 31st – Rollag Weekend “Here I Am, Lord”; we will focus on working toward a dream.
- Sept. 7th – Rally Sunday “We Gather Together”; we will focus gathering to be Christ’s body.
- Sept. 14th – Reach Sunday “Freely, Freely”; we will focus on how to share Christ’s message.
- Sept. 21st – Renew Sunday “My Hope Is Built”; we will focus on Isaiah’s words, “those who wait upon the Lord...shall renew their strength and rise up on eagle’s wings.”
- Sept. 28th – Rejoice Sunday “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”; we’ll focus discover how saying “no’ to our preferences and “yes” to God’s purposes brings joy & growth.

We won’t be alone. United Methodist Churches all around Minnesota are being asked to focus on the basics of being Church: Reaching out, Renewing hope and Rejoicing in changed lives. It all begins with the reminder that Jesus is calling us to focus on God’s hopes and dreams for our communities and for our lives. God wants the best for us—and wants to offer the world the best through us. Life is meant to be a God-thing and it’s our privilege to share in it. Basically, we’ll focus on ways that’s meant to help us live God-directed lives so we can answer the call to be God’s puRposes pRayeR paRtneRs.

Blessings,
Pastor Roger

Thanks for all the well wishes on my 50th Birthday--and some tasty treats. Thanks, too, to those who came out to share some DQ ice cream birthday cake with me--prior to our Berry Good Night Worship—Pastor Roger



Peggy Anderson (R.E.M. House)
Elouise Brendemuhl (Kinder Care)
Mabel Burkhardt (Bethany)
Lois Ferguson (Eventide)
Hyacinth Kronbeck (Park View)
Marjorie Ladwig (Eventide)
Tom Collins (Eventide)
Mabel Johnson (Bethany)
Delores Dronen (Fairmont)
Ruth Ann Krutz (Elim)
Jim Johnson (Golden Living)
Clara Krook (Bethany)
Vi Williams (Bethany on 42nd)
Mary Jane Phillips (Eventide)
Jeanne Schwager (Bethany)
Mary Ann Held (Bethany)

PRAYER LIST at Home

Vicky Westra **Roger Opp**
Dale Smith **Rae Offutt**
Linda Collins **Lois Norby**

SEPTEMBER

THIS MONTH
September Birthdays

1—D. Burkhardt
 3—J. Fraundorfer
 4—S. Lindner
 5—L. Monge
 A. Grafenstein
 6—C. Miller
 D. Grow
 L. Beck
 9—D. Smith
 12—M. Gumto
 13—B. Hanna
 14—P. Anderson
 16—B. Rowand
 19—T. Collins
 J. Schwager
 S. Fraundorfer
 20—P. Newgard
 M. Larson
 21—J. Egerdahl
 26—C. Hilgers
 30—A. Horn



Ministry TEAM Program.. A Way of Being the Church at GUMC! The TEAM's mission is to provide ushers, greeters, opening welcome and readers to our congregation . TEAM 6 (Sept/Mar)

TEAM coordinator is Naomi Grow.
 218-512-0395—L. & J. Beck
 701-403-9063—C. Devine
 701-205-7268—S. Grow & Family
 701-306-4382—T. Grow
 701-403-9063—T. & D. Grow
 701-541-4136—S. & N. Grow
 701-412-3833—A. Larson & Family
 218-236-5031—D. & L. Larson
 701-212-3587—A. Loeks
 701-237-9055—N. & R. Lofgren
 218-233-3917—C. & B. Miller
 218-329-1835—J. Miller
 218-233-3917—J. Miller
 218-233-3405—C. & B. Naasz
 218-236-9169—L. & O. Roppe
 701-306-1705—L. Smith
 218-236-7848—D. & I. Smith & Family
 218-236-8773—T. Weik
 218-287-6501—V. Williams

REMEMBER TO VOLUNTEER FOR ROLLAG ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST AND MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST.




September Anniversaries

2—T. & P. Newgard
 5—C. & B. Naasz
 16—T. & D. Grow
 27—D. & C.I Borgen

THANK YOU
 Thank you for your prayers, cards and memorials when my sister, JoAnn Quam, passed away. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.—
 J. Anderson

Did you know that on Wednesday, September 27th there were over 120 **dozen** donuts made?

FINANCIAL UPDATE	
AUGUST	
INCOME: \$ 7,172.30	
XPENSES: \$ 11,387.18	
APPORTIONMENTS: \$ 91.34	

Do you really believe, what you believe?

Del Larson, CLM

Why was Jesus sent to Earth? "To testify for the truth!" See John 18:33-38. In fact, there are 25 references to Jesus testifying for the truth in John alone. Why is it that many scientists, historians, philosophers, and astronomers insist on leaving God out of the Big Picture? Scientists are always searching for the truth to solve problems or find the answers to unknown questions. If we truly believe that the Bible is God's word then I need to ask, "Do you really believe what you believe?"

Everyday we are bombarded with this scientific research or that new hypothesis which totally leaves God out of the picture. Many of these experts have created a box that neatly holds all the pieces of our existence and only their hypotheses. God is not in that box because he can not be explained in the same way. We all know Sir Isaac Newton, the discoverer of *the laws of motion*. However, did you know that Newton also said, "*Gravity explains the motions of the planets, but it cannot explain who set the planets in motion. God governs all things and knows all that is or can be done.*"

What was one of the earliest things you learned about in the history of our country? Do you remember the Mayflower Compact? It was the reason that the Pilgrims came to our country. Did you know that the original compact was changed and the part on their journey to be for the glory of God and the advancement of Christian faith has been changed in history books leaving out that reference. Even Daniel Webster's dictionary has been affected over time. The word ra-

tional was changed from its 1826 first edition that included God's truths.

If you believe in the scriptures, and Jesus' role to testify to the truth then I hope you agree, we need to learn more about this truth. I want to start a Bible Study called "The Truth Project." I am committed to providing this video study anytime people want to join me. I have heard from some of our seniors, that want something during the weekday. I know some of you work, so I will make a night available as well. If you are really interested in learning more about the truth of God's word, this is your opportunity. Please let me know if you are interested. I have already lead this study in Arizona, but would love to share God's Truth with you. The next truth is up to you. Do you really believe what you believe? Del 701-238-2223 larsondel@gmail.com

WHERE IS THE HOT WATER?



Grace Church's water heater died. A new 80 gallon replacement commercial water heater is on order and will essentially be identical to the one it is replacing. Because the heater is not a "home" model the cost for heater and installation is about \$4,000. Donations will be accepted. Your patience through the month of September will be appreciated with the new heater in place by October 1st, if everything goes as scheduled. Until then we will be using disposable cups, plates and flatware during Sunday fellowship times. Thanks.

(Trustees and Finance)

Date	Psalms	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Mon, Sep 1	am: 25; pm: 9, 15	Job 12:1-6, 13-25	Acts 11:19-30	John 8:21-32
Tue, Sep 2	am: 26, 28; pm: 36, 39	Job 12:1, 13:3-17, 21-27	Acts 12:1-17	John 8:33-47
Wed, Sept 3	am: 38; pm: 119:25-48	Job 12:1, 14:1-22	Acts 12:18-25	John 8:47-59
Thur, Sept 4	am: 37:1-18; pm: 37:19-42	Job 16:16-22, 17:1, 13-16	Acts 13:1-12	John 9:1-17
Fri, Sept 5	am: 31; pm: 35	Job 19:1-7, 14-27	Acts 13:13-25	John 9:18-41
Sat, Sept 6	am: 30, 32; pm: 42, 43	Job 22:1-4, 21 23:1-7	Acts 13:26-43	John 10:1-18
Sun, Sept 7	am: 63, 98; pm: 103	Job 25:1-6, 27:1-6	Rev 14:1-7, 13	Matt 5:13-20
Mon, Sept 8	am: 41, 52; pm: 44	Job 32:1-10, 19, 33:1, 19-28	Acts 13:44-52	John 10:19-30
Tue, Sept 9	am: 45; pm: 47, 48	Job 29:1-20	Acts 14:1-18	John 10:31-42
Wed, Sept 10	am: 119:49-72; pm: 49, 53	Job 29:1, 30:1-2, 16-31	Acts 14:19-28	John 11:1-16
Thur, Sept 11	am: 50, 59, 60; pm: 66, 67	Job 29:1, 31:1-23	Acts 15:1-11	John 11:17-29
Fri, Sept 12	am: 40, 54; pm: 51	Job 29:1, 31:24-40	Acts 15:12-21	John 11:30-44
Sat, Sept 13	am: 55; pm: 138, 139	Job 38:1-17	Acts 15:22-35	John 11:45-54
Sun, Sept 14	am: 24, 29; pm: 8, 84	Job 38:1, 18-41	Rev 18:1-8	Matt 5:21-26
Mon, Sept 15	am: 56, 57, 58; pm: 64, 65	Job 40:1-24	Acts 15:36-16:5	John 11:55-12:8
Tue, Sept 16	am: 61, 62; pm: 68	Job 40:1, 41:1-11	Acts 16:6-15	John 12:9-19
Wed, Sept 17	am: 72; pm: 119:73-96	Job 42:1-17	Acts 16:16-24	John 12:20-26
Thur, Sept 18	am: 70, 71; pm: 74	Job 28:1-28	Acts 16:25-40	John 12:27-36a
Fri, Sept 19	am: 69; pm: 73	Est 1:1-4, 10-19	Acts 17:1-15	John 12:36b-43
Sat, Sept 20	am: 75, 76; pm: 23, 27	Est 2:5-8, 15-23	Acts 17:16-34	John 12:44-50
Sun, Sept 21	am: 93, 96; pm: 34	Est 3:1-4:3	Jam 1:19-27	Matt 6:1-6, 16-18
Mon, Sept 22	am: 80; pm: 77, 19	Est 4:4-17	Acts 18:1-11	Luke 1:1-4, 3:1-14
Tue, Sept 23	am: 78:1-39; pm: 78:40-72	Est 5:1-14	Acts 18:12-28	Luke 3:15-22
Wed, Sept 24	am: 119:97-120; pm: 81, 82	Est 6:1-14	Acts 19:1-10	Luke 4:1-13
Thur, Sept 25	am: 83; pm: 85, 86	Est 7:1-10	Acts 19:11-20	Luke 4:14-30
Fri, Sept 26	am: 88; pm: 91, 92	Est 8:1-8, 15-17	Acts 19:21-41	Luke 4:31-37
Sat, Sept 27	am: 87, 90; pm: 136	Hos 1:1-2:1	Acts 20:1-16	Luke 4:38-44
Sun, Sept 28	am: 66, 67; pm: 19, 46	Hos 2:2-14	Jam 3:1-13	Matt 13:44-52
Mon, Sept 29	am: 89:1-18; pm: 89:19-52	Hos 2:14-23	Acts 20:17-38	Luke 5:1-11
Tue, Sept 30	am: 97, 99, 100; pm: 94, 95	Hos 4:1-10	Acts 21:1-14	Luke 5:12-26

Grace United Methodist

September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed  Labor Day	2	3 1:30 PM Martha Circle 6:15 PM Hand Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7:15 PM Choir	4 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry	5	6
7 13th Sunday after Pentecost Rally Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 11:00 am Potluck Dinner	8 1:00 pm Quilting	9	10 6:15 PM Hand Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7:15 PM Choir	11 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline	12	13
14 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	15 1:00 pm Quilting	16 6:00 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Ad Council	17 6:00 AM Donut Making 6:15 PM Hand Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7:15 PM Choir	18 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 9:00 AM Sharp View Terrace F-M UMC Clergy Meeting 7:00 PM Lydia Circle	19	20
21 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	22 1:00 pm Quilting	23 7:30 pm Finance Committee	24 6:15 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm AWANA 7:15 pm Choir	25 District Committee on Ordained Ministry—Pastor Roger	26	27 Hands 4 Serving Day Healthy Church Initiative Team - Twin Cities
28 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	29 1:00 pm Quilting	30				

ROLLAG! ROLLAG! ROLLAG!

DONUTS



Donuts will be made on Wednesday, September 17th, beginning at 6:00 AM. Please place your orders with J. Anderson, 218-236-0183 or the office, 218-233-1857. Donuts are to be picked up by 9:00 AM.

RALLY SUNDAY



Rally Sunday is September 7th. This is the day that we kick off Sunday School for the new year. A potluck dinner will follow Worship Services. Please bring a family size dish to share as this takes the place of the fellowship coffee.

TRUSTEE'S PROJECT

The Trustee's are still accepting pledges for new carpeting, handicap door openers and a new ADA compliant handicap accessible family bathroom. Please watch the video at: www.graceumcmoorhead.org or speak to Bob Hanna if you have any questions. To date \$15,710 has been pledged.



HANDS 4 SERVING

Hands 4 Serving is September 27th. Go to google.com and search "Hands4sharing" and the web site Hands 4 Serving—Rethink Church will open to share more information about the United Methodist day of service and how you can participate.



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